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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

(G.O. Ms. No. 12/Fy., Puducherry, dated 06th March 2024)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to further amend the Modalities for making payment of compensation to the Fishermen of Yanam region affected due to laying of 20 inch gas export pipeline from offshore platform to onshore plant at Mallavaram Village in East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, through the Yanam area of the Union territory of Puducherry by M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (M/s. ONGC) under the new project “DEEP Water NELP BLOCK KG-DWN-98/2” as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	GO. Category	For	Read
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(i)	Sl.No. (i) of II. Eligibility criteria in G.O. Ms. No. 05/Fy., dated 17-08-2022.	The fishers whose livelihood is fishing activity only shall be identified for payment of compensation.	The fishers whose livelihood is fishing activity or any other fishery related activity (part time/seasonal fishing activity) as recommended by Regional Level Committee on or before 29-02-2024 shall be considered for payment of compensation.
(ii)	Sl.No. II of Table in G.O. Ms. No. 07/Fy., dated 15-02-2023.	The Age group of the beneficiary should be between 18-65 years as on 28-01-2022. Aadhaar Card is the proof of identity for declaration of age, (as in Andhra Pradesh State). If only year is mentioned in Aadhaar Card, 1st July may be fixed as the date of birth of the beneficiary in that year. Similarly, if, no date is mentioned, then 15th day of that month may be fixed on date of birth.	The Age group of the beneficiary should be between 18-65 years as on 28-01-2022 or who have attained the age of 18 during the execution of project period and in that case, the respective boat owner have to certify that the applicant is one of the crew member in the boat and should give consent for release of ONGC compensation. However, If, any fishers who have attained the age of 18 during the execution of project period and those periods have been calculated proportionately for releasing compensation. Aadhaar Card is the proof of identity for declaration of age (as in Andhra Pradesh State). If, only year is mentioned in Aadhaar Card, 1st July may be fixed as

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			the date of birth of the beneficiary in that year. Similarly, if, no date is mentioned, then 15th day of that month may be fixed on date of birth.
(iii) Sl.No. IV of II. Eligibility criteria in G.O. Ms. No. 05/Fy., dated 17-08-2022.	The fisher should possess a Family Ration Card issued by the Department of Civil Supplies, Government of Puducherry.	The fisher should possess a Family Ration Card issued by the Department of Civil Supplies, Government of Puducherry. Those fishers whose Family Ration Cards has been freezed by the Civil Supplies Department, Yanam due to possession of dual Family Ration Card both in Andhra Pradesh and Yanam, may be considered on the following grounds:	
		(a) Submission of Deletion Certificate from Andhra Pradesh.	
		(b) Reactivation of freezed Family Ration Cards by the Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Yanam.	
		(c) Non-payment of ONGC compensation from Andhra Pradesh Government during the project period carried out in Yanam.	

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(iv)	Sl.No. (vi) of Table in G.O. Ms. No. 07/ Fy., dated 15-02-2023.	In case of a single woman without children or with minor children or with married female children her identification should be certified by three Member Committee consisting of Village Administrative Officer (VAO), Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Yanam, Village Level Fishery Officer, (VLFO), Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Yanam and Senior Inspector, Co-operative Department for payment of compensation.	In case of a single woman without children or with minor children or with married female children or married woman deserted by the husband or mutually separated in the presence of village and resides separately, her identification should be certified by Three Member Committee consisting of Village Administrative Officer (VAO), Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Yanam, Village Level Fishery Officer, (VLFO), Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Yanam and Senior Inspector, Co-operative Department for payment of compensation.
(v)	Sl.No. (vii) of II. Eligibility criteria in G.O. Ms. No. 05/Fy., dated 17-08-2022.	The Government/ Quasi / Semi Government/Private Sector employees and students shall not be considered for compensation.	The Government/Quasi/Semi Government/Private Sector employees and students shall not be considered for compensation. However, if, any fishers have no job or any students not continued their studies during the project period and engaged in fishing

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			for their livelihood, those periods should be calculated proportionately as decided by the Regional Level Committee, for releasing compensation subject to determine the TC obtained from the last studied institution in case of non-students or to determine the working status of the fishers having no job, necessary attendance particulars have been obtained from the Head of Office/Institutions, where, the fishers were previously worked. In that case, the respective boat owners have to certify that the applicant is one of the crew members in the boat and should give consent for release of ONGC compensation.

2. The Regional Administrator, Yanam, shall ensure that:

(a) No fishing craft shall avail the compensation, exceeding the period of compensation approved by the Government.

(b) No beneficiary shall avail the compensation, exceeding the period of compensation approved by the Government.

(c) No dual claim by the same beneficiary from both Andhra Pradesh and Yanam with respect to ONGC compensation.

(d) To assign Uniform Provisional Registration Number for the unregistered fishing crafts to avoid duplication of payment to the same boat.

3. The Assistant Director of Fisheries, Yanam, should compulsorily register all the unregistered fishing crafts in the ReAL craft portal and assign the registration number as well as fishing licence within one month from the date of making payment of compensation to the unregistered category in order to avoid recurrence of same fishing boat under the guise of unregistered fishing craft category.

4. The Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor is further pleased to order that the Regional Administrator of Yanam and Fisheries Department shall ensure that compensation is properly disbursed to those fishermen only who have been legitimately affected by the project and whose livelihoods have been impacted. It shall be verified that all eligibility criteria are met and affected fishermen are compensated proportionally for the loss of their livelihood.

5. The approved number of beneficiaries sent to M/s. ONGC, Kakinada shall not exceed 5289 after the issuance of this Amendment.

6. All other conditions stipulated in the earlier notifications *vide* G.O. Ms. No. 05/Fy., dated 17-08-2022 and G.O. Ms. No. 07/Fy., dated 15-02-2023 of this Secretariat shall remain unaltered.

7. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department conveyed *vide* its I.D. Note No. 1695/FC/FD/F4/A3, dated 06-03-2024.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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